Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2009-10 as on 6.7.2009 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). FCI and State agencies procure wheat at Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government (Rs. 1080 per quintal in RMS 2009-10).

Data regarding purchase of wheat by private parties is not maintained by the Department.

(b) On 1.4.2009, the total stocks of wheat in the Central Pool was 134.29 lakh tonnes. Due to the record procurement of wheat in RMS 2009-10, wheat stocks in the Central Pool has increased to 329.22 lakh tonnes as on 1.7.2009.

Statement

State-wise procurement of wheat by FCI and State agencies in Rabi Marketing Season 2009-10

S. No.	Name of State	2009-10*
1.	Punjab	107.19
2.	Haryana	69.12
3.	U.P.	38.69
4.	Rajasthan	11.52
5.	Chandigarh	0.12
6.	Delhi	0.00
7.	H.P.	0.01
8.	M.P.	19.18
9.	Gujarat	0.75
10.	Bihar	2.43
11.	Uttarakhand	1.44
12.	Chhattisgarh	0
	TOTAL :	250.44

* As on 6.7.2009

Subsidised foodgrains to States

760. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis the Central Government allocates subsidized foodgrains to the States and on what basis the State Governments distribute the grains to the BPL families;

(b) whether the poverty estimate for each State has always been at variance with State list of beneficiaries;

(c) whether some States have asked the Union Government to remove the anomaly, if any; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under joint responsibility of the Government of India and State/UT Governments. While the Central Government engages in procurement of foodgrains for TPDS, storage, transportation and allocation to the State/UT Governments, the onus for identification of BPL and AAY families as per Planning Commission estimates and guidelines of Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and issuance of ration cards to them, allocation of foodgrains within the State/UT and proper distribution of allocated TPDS foodgrains to the eligible families through Fair Price Shops rests with the State/UT Governments.

Under the TPDS allocation of foodgrains is made @ 35 kg. per family per month for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in the country on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000. Accordingly State Governments are expected to identity BPL families as per their respective share within this ceiling limit and issue foodgrains @ 35 kg. per BPL family per month. However, as against 6.52 crore families accepted for allocations as above, the total number of BPL (including AAY) ration cards issued by the States as by 30.6.2009 is 10.86 crore. Therefore, the scale of issue of foodgrains to each BPL family per month is lower than 35 kg. in those States.

Requests have been received from 12 States/UT Governments namely Bihar, Kerala, Orissa, Karnataka. West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Maharashtra and Daman & Diu for accepting higher number of BPL families for TPDS allocations than their share in 6.52 crore families.

Storage facility of foodgrains

†761. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Government have started any plan/programme for increasing the number and capacity of warehouses and cold storages and for their upgradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of newly constructed warehouses and cold storages whose capacity has been enhanced and also the warehouses and cold storages which have been equipped with advanced resources during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi